

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701(b)(3) of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 10 section 1201.

**§ 503. Absence without leave or over leave**

(a) A member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, who is absent without leave or over leave, forfeits all pay and allowances for the period of that absence, unless it is excused as unavoidable.

(b) A commissioned officer of the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, or an officer of the Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service on active duty, who is absent without leave, forfeits all pay and allowances for the period of that absence, unless it is excused as unavoidable.

(Pub. L. 87-649, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 482; Pub. L. 89-718, § 49(a)(1), Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1121; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, § 516(15), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2939.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
503(a) .....	37:33(b) (3d sentence).	Aug. 9, 1946, ch. 931, § 4(b) (3d sentence); restated Aug. 4, 1947, ch. 475, § 1 (3d sentence of 2d par.), 61 Stat. 748.
	37:39 (less last proviso).	Aug. 17, 1949, ch. 452, § 1 (less last proviso), 63 Stat. 611.
503(b) .....	42:210-1(b).	July 1, 1944, ch. 373, § 219(b); added Aug. 9, 1950, ch. 654, § 2 (2d par.), 64 Stat. 426.

In subsections (a) and (b), the words “for the period of that absence” are substituted for the words “during such absence”.

## AMENDMENTS

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-513 substituted “National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration” for “Environmental Science Services Administration”.

1966—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-718 substituted “Environmental Science Services Administration” for “Coast and Geodetic Survey”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701(b)(3) Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Public Health Service, Surgeon General of Public Health Service, and all other officers and employees of Public Health Service, and functions of all agencies of or in Public Health Service, transferred to Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare by Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1966, eff. June 25, 1966, 31 F.R. 8855, 80 Stat. 1610, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare redesignated Secretary of Health and Human Services by section 3508(b) of Title 20, Education.

**§ 504. Cadets and midshipmen: chapter does not apply to**

This chapter does not apply to cadets at the United States Military Academy, the United

States Air Force Academy, the Coast Guard Academy, midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy, or cadets or midshipmen serving elsewhere in the armed forces.

(Pub. L. 87-649, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 483.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
504 .....	37:38 (as applicable to payment for leave).	Aug. 9, 1946, ch. 931, § 10 (as applicable to payment for leave); added Aug. 4, 1947, ch. 475, § 3 (as applicable to payment for leave), 61 Stat. 749; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-861, § 33(d)(2), 72 Stat. 1567.

**CHAPTER 10—PAYMENTS TO MISSING PERSONS**

Sec.

551. Definitions.

552. Pay and allowances; continuance while in a missing status; limitations.

553. Allotments; continuance, suspension, initiation, resumption, or increase while in a missing status; limitations.

554. Travel and transportation; dependents; household and personal effects; trailers; additional movements; motor vehicles; sale of bulky items; claims for proceeds; appropriation chargeable.

555. Secretarial review.

556. Secretarial determinations.

557. Settlement of accounts.

558. Income tax deferment.

559. Benefits for members held as captives.

## AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XIV, § 1484(f)(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1717, revised chapter heading so as to appear in all capital letters.

1986—Pub. L. 99-399, title VIII, § 806(a)(2), Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 885, added item 559.

1972—Pub. L. 92-477, § 1(1), Oct. 9, 1972, 86 Stat. 793, inserted “trailers; additional movements;” after “household and personal effects;” in item 554.

1966—Pub. L. 89-554, § 5(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 625, added chapter 10 and items 551 to 558.

## CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in title 10 sections 1482, 1511, 1524; title 18 section 1923; title 38 section 107.

**§ 551. Definitions**

In this chapter:

(1) The term “dependent”, with respect to a member of a uniformed service, means—

(A) his spouse;

(B) his unmarried child (including an unmarried dependent stepchild or adopted child) under 21 years of age;

(C) his dependent mother or father;

(D) a dependent designated in official records; and

(E) a person determined to be dependent by the Secretary concerned, or his designee.

(2) The term “missing status” means the status of a member of a uniformed service who is officially carried or determined to be absent in a status of—

(A) missing;

(B) missing in action;

(C) interned in a foreign country;  
 (D) captured, beleaguered, or besieged by a hostile force; or  
 (E) detained in a foreign country against his will.

(3) The term “pay and allowances” means—  
 (A) basic pay;  
 (B) special pay;  
 (C) incentive pay;  
 (D) basic allowance for housing;  
 (E) basic allowance for subsistence; and  
 (F) station per diem allowances for not more than 90 days.

(Added Pub. L. 89-554, §5(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 625; amended Pub. L. 99-145, title XIII, §1301(g), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 737; Pub. L. 100-26, §8(e)(10), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 287; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VI, §603(d)(1)(D), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1782.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
551(1) .....	50 App. 1001.	Mar. 7, 1942, ch. 166, §1, 56 Stat. 143; July 1, 1944, ch. 371, §1, 58 Stat. 679; Aug. 14, 1964, Pub. L. 88-428, §1(1), (2), 78 Stat. 437.
551(2) .....	50 App. 1002(a) (22d through 66th words of 1st sentence, for definition purposes).	Mar. 7, 1942, ch. 166, §2(a) (22d through 66th and 96th through 120th words of 1st sentence, for definition purposes); added July 1, 1944, ch. 371, §2, 58 Stat. 679; Apr. 4, 1953, ch. 17, §1(a), 67 Stat. 21; Aug. 29, 1957, Pub. L. 85-217, §1(b) (1st par.), 71 Stat. 491; Aug. 14, 1964, Pub. L. 88-428, §1(3)(A), 78 Stat. 437.
551(3) .....	50 App. 1002(a) (96th through 120th words of 1st sentence, for definition purposes).	

Only that portion of the source law which is applicable to members of the uniformed services and their dependents is codified in this section.

The words “In this chapter” are substituted for “For the purpose of this Act”.

In clause (1), the words “with respect to a member of a uniformed service” are inserted for clarity. In clause (1)(A), the word “lawful” is omitted as unnecessary in view of the accepted recognition of the fact that the word “wife” means a lawful wife. In clause (1)(E), the words “Secretary concerned, or his designee” are substituted for “head of the department concerned, or subordinate designated by him” to conform to the definition in 37 U.S.C. 101(5). The definitions of “person”, “active service”, and “department”, respectively, in 50 App. U.S.C. 1001(a)(1), (b), and (d) are omitted as unnecessary in view of the definitions of “member”, “uniformed services”, “active service”, and “Secretary concerned”, in 37 U.S.C. 101(3), (5), (20), and (23).

The definitions in clauses (2) and (3), which do not appear in, but are based on, the source law are created for legislative convenience.

#### AMENDMENTS

1997—Par. (3)(D). Pub. L. 105-85 substituted “housing” for “quarters”.

1987—Pub. L. 100-26 substituted “In this chapter:” for “In this chapter—”, inserted “The term” at beginning of pars. (1) to (3), and substituted period for semicolon at end of par. (1) and period for “; and” at end of par. (2).

1985—Par. (1)(A). Pub. L. 99-145 substituted “spouse” for “wife”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-85 effective Jan. 1, 1998, see section 603(e) of Pub. L. 105-85, set out as a note

under section 5561 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 501 of this title; title 10 sections 701, 1032, 1035, 1095a, 2181, 4342, 6954, 9342, 12301; title 26 section 112.

#### § 552. Pay and allowances; continuance while in a missing status; limitations

(a) A member of a uniformed service who is on active duty or performing inactive-duty training, and who is in a missing status, is—

(1) for the period he is in that status, entitled to receive or have credited to his account the same pay and allowances, as defined in this chapter, to which he was entitled at the beginning of that period or may thereafter become entitled; and

(2) for the period, not to exceed one year, required for his hospitalization and rehabilitation after termination of that status, under regulations prescribed by the Secretaries concerned, with respect to incentive pay, considered to have satisfied the requirements of section 301 of this title so as to entitle him to a continuance of that pay.

However, a member who is performing full-time training duty or other full-time duty without pay, or inactive-duty training with or without pay, is entitled to the pay and allowances to which he would have been entitled if he had been on active duty with pay. Notwithstanding section 1523 of title 10 or any other provision of law, the promotion of a member while he is in a missing status is fully effective for all purposes.

(b) The expiration of a member's term of service while he is in a missing status does not end his entitlement to pay and allowances under subsection (a). Notwithstanding the death of a member while in a missing status, entitlement to pay and allowances under subsection (a) ends on the date—

(1) the Secretary concerned receives evidence that the member is dead; or

(2) that his death is prescribed or determined under section 555 of this title or under chapter 76 of title 10.

(c) A member is not entitled to pay and allowances under subsection (a) for a period during which he is officially determined to be absent from his post of duty without authority, and he is indebted to the United States for payments from amounts credited to his account for that period.

(d) A member who is performing full-time training duty or inactive-duty training is entitled to the benefits of this section only when he is officially determined to be in a missing status that results from the performance of duties prescribed by competent authority.

(e) A member in a missing status who is continued in that status under section 555 of this title or under chapter 76 of title 10 is entitled to be credited with pay and allowances under subsection (a).

(Added Pub. L. 89-554, §5(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 625; amended Pub. L. 92-169, §1, Nov. 24, 1971, 85 Stat. 489; Pub. L. 92-482, Oct. 12, 1972, 86 Stat.